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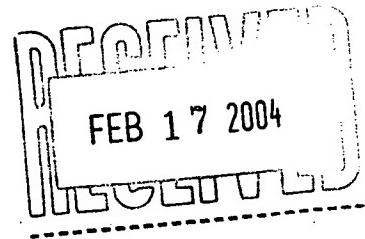
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3/3PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
 KIICHIRO TAKAHASHI, et al.)
 Application No.: 09/891,589)
 Filed: June 27, 2001)
 For: INK JET RECORDING METHOD,) January 29, 2004
 RECORDING APPARATUS AND)
 DATA PROCESSING METHOD)

Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 15, 2003, for one month from January 15, 2004, to Monday, February 16, 2004.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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